11th May 1954]

Construction of a bridge across Sankaraparani river in Ginjee.

* 683 *Q.*—Sri K. ARANGANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the bridge across Sankaraparani river in Ginjee will be completed; and when the work was started; and

(*b*) the reasons for the failure to complete the three unfinished spans?"

The Hon. Raja Sri SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI:—" (*a*) The work was started on 22nd October 1950. It is expected to be completed by June 1954.

" (*b*) Slackness on the part of the contractor."

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS.

Opening of fire by the Police at various places in the State.

79 *Q.*—Sri K. ARANGANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state with reference to the answer to unstarred question No. 16, dated the 6th January 1954, when, where, under what circumstances, and the number of rounds of fire that was opened on each occasion?

A.—A statement [a] is annexed.

Payment of cycle allowance to the Highways maistris.

80 *Q.*—Sri S. RAMALINGAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Highways maistris are required to own a cycle for themselves;

(*b*) if so, whether they are paid any cycle allowance; and

(*c*) if so, since how long this allowance has been paid?

A.—(*a*) It is desirable for the Highways maistris to own their own cycles for the proper discharge of their duties. But only in certain divisions the maistris have been asked to maintain cycles. So far no general orders have been issued compelling them to own cycles.

(*b*) In divisions where the maistris have been asked to maintain cycles, their pay has been fixed providing an adequate element for the maintenance of the cycle.

(*c*) Does not arise as no separate cycle allowance as such is paid.

[a] **Printed as Appendix III on page 584-585 infra.**